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1. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR AND SENIOR FRG OFFICIALS ON SEPTEMBER 21 (AFTER DISPATCH OF REFS A AND B), EMBOFF WAS ASSURED THAT FRG WILL CERTAINLY HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4B OF THE OFFSET AGREEMENT FOR PROJECTS IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. THESE TECHMIN OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO HAVE ABANDONED THEIR EARLIER HOPES FOR "NEW" MONEY FROM FINANCE MINISTRY. THEY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE OFFSET R&D PROGRAM, THEREFORE, THROUGH PROJECTS WHICH WILL BE ESSENTIALLY AN EXTENSION OF THE MINISTRY'S CURRENT PROGRAMS, I.E. AS INDICATED IN REF B. TECHMIN OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THE EXTENSION OF THESE PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE R&D IN THE US (WHICH NOT PREVIOUSLY PLANNED BY FRG TO THE EXTENT NOW FORESEEN TO MEET THEIR OFFSET OBLIGATIONS) WILL CERTAINLY CREATE AN "ADDITIONAL" FLOW OF FRG FUNDS INTO THE US.

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